COLD WAVE HANGS ON SUMMARY OF THE BEE ALDRICH AIDS RAILROADS

Forecaster Hopeful for Wa perature Tonight.

SNOW ADDS TO WINTRY E.

Considerable Volume Falls Throu

out Afternoon and Evening.

POOR SEEK WORK, NOT CASH AID

Starving Italian Begs Employment, but Remembers Country.

IN LIEU OF MILK, BABY GETS TEA

Destitute Cases Relieved by Assoclated Charities and County Commissioners, Who Find All Asking Worthy.

Continued cold, with relief Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

Omaha experienced another frigid twenty-four hours from Wednesday morning until the cold gray dawn of today. The local forecast is optimistic of rising temperature Thursday, but it may not be thoroughly at hand until late tonight or

A considerable fall of snow last night seemed to show that the extreme rigor is at an end, although the mercury did not rise so high that it burst through the top

In fact the thermometer registered a uccession of "below zeros" throughout the night and if the cold was not so bitterly felt as the night before this was partly because the shock of the cold wave is over quake. and partly because the wind was not so keen and cutting. The cold wave has told situation has become known.

Poor Italian Remembers Country. 'Me no wanta you to giva da coal. Giva da work, me buy da coal mesel."

Poorly clad and shivering from the ley blasts of winter, an Italian well past the meridian of life called at the office of the Associated Charities in the city hall late seeking charity. Instead, he was looking during the night. for employment whereby he could earn at home.

'My people in Etaley, they needs da mon. end eat for babies. Send da mon back to Etaley.

Charitable in the extreme, though himself needing aid, this poor foreigner was not an exception among many who called at the office of the charitable association during the day. Strange as it may seem, the present cold shap has not brought a horde of seekers after aid, but instead it has so they can earn the necessities, men who scorn charity. No professional or chronic NEW YORK seekers after aid have applied to the Assoclated Charities or to the Board of County Commissioners, though supplies have been given to a number and to some who did not ask for aid.

Temporary aid was given a German ARTHUR VERNON UNDER ARREST laborer who asked Miss Jontz, general secretary of the Associated Charities, for work, though until the secretary pinned him down to a direct answer, "yes" or "no," to her question as to whether he had any fuel or provisions in his home. would be intimate that he was in dire need. Vernon, a young man wanted at Omaha to It was then found that he has a sick effe answer a federal indictment, was arrested and four small children, one a baby, at here today and will be returned to Nehome, with enough coal to keep a low braska shortly. He is charged with using fire for a day and nothing to eat.

Milk Lacking, Baby Fed Tea. When I had work I bought milk for

have no money.' the county store for supplies despite his of the syndicates. protests. He left the office saying he would every place where work might be found. Later in the day Miss Phelps, the assistant secretary, met him on the street and told him where he could find employment. and the order on the county for supplies was returned. Another caller at the charity office in the city hall yesterday was father of six children, but this man, despite the fact that there was practically nothing in the house to cat, did not ask

for supplies, but asked for work. Tempo-

rary relief was given him, however. Whenever possible Miss Jontz gives applicants temporary relief direct without sending them to the county for aid. The secretary fears to make charitable charges out of people and the temporary relief given in her office is always in the nature of a loan, with the expectation that the recipient will pay it back when able. With the county, the aid granted is a gift direct. Despite the cold less than a dozen people made application yesterday to the county commissioners for aid. Two elderly people were sent to the county hospital and temporary aid given the others. None of those who applied for aid ever asked help before and all were found to be deserving

"Omaha is somewhat colder than the Hawatian islands," declared L. M. Cohn, who, with Mrs. Cohn returned yesterday a four months' visit in Honolulu. "We are glad to be at home, but we find the temperature different here from that

in the mid-Pacific." It is known that some people who have been sleeping out of doors all fall have weakened the last two nights and not faced away below zero temperatures. Others have manfully stuck it out, however, and among these is J. S. White of the Cudy Lumber company. Mr. White has a sleeping porch City. at his home, 1123 South Twenty-ninth, and there he slept in comfort Tuesday night. although the cold was sufficient to stop a clock which stood on a nearby table. Miss Emily C. Wood and Glen Wharton are two others who inhaled fresh air through coldair sleeping porches at their respective

abodes. Some others who have windows wide open every night stood by their devotion to fresh air, but among these renegades were not unknown.

Warm Climates Popular. Railroad passenger agents report an uninquiry as to rates to Califor nia and Florida. Several men made them selves distinctly unpopular Wednesday morning by telling others how much they would enjoy next week's bainy breezes

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Thursday, January 7, 1909.

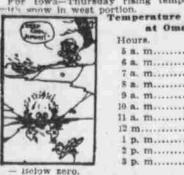
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For Omaha, Council Biuffs and Vicinity-Phursday rising temperature, with probably

now. For Nebraska-Snow Thursday; rising Fulton bill giving the Interstate Commerce

at Omaha:



give the Interstate Commerce commission power to veto increase in rates.

Page 1 Senators are said to be opposed to conof the tube. At 9 p. m. the temperature firming F. H. Hitchcock for cabinet position as long as he is national chairman.

> FOREIGN. Rabid dogs, famished and thirsty, are a menace to survivors of Messina earth-

WEBRASKA. man partisans good jobs.

LOCAL.

the vote on supreme judge amendments. pers are to obtain from amendments to ex-

ment to the Sherman anti-trust law and Wednesday morning the coldest for two not through any increased powers on behalf years, the thermometer reaching 13 de-grees below zero. Weather bureau preyesterday afternoon, though he was not dicts still colder for Thursday. Snow falls

enough to buy fuel with which to keep his ankle and leg by the accidental discharge asking him to do everything possible family warm and food to feed the babies of a gun which I. Friedman was trying against the abandonment of the Genoa Into sell a customer.

in charge. "Giva me work, me buy coal year, cutting \$25,000 from the estimates. Stockholders of the Omaha & Nebraska Burkett has not yet decided as to the Central railway, a projected interurban

line, want to know what has become of of the Genoa school. Page 3 the money they have paid in. COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL. Live stock markets. Page 9 Grain markets. Page 9 Stocks and bonds. Page 9

of seekers after aid, but instead it has brooks and bonds.

Fage 9 at Trebizond. Turkey, as consular clerk, brought many honort men who want work MOVEMENTS OF OCHAN STEAMSHIPS. has taken for examination for advancement. Arrived. Seiled. MARSEILLES Algeria GLASGOW Laurentian QUEENSTOWN Lucania BREMEN.

Former Omaha Man Held at Boston to Answer Federal Judictment in Omaha.

BOSTON, Jan. 6. - (Special.) - Arthur the mails to defraud.

Vernon is under indictment jointly with the baby, but now that I haven't a dollar, Theodore Kharas, who formed a number I can't get any milk tickets and the milk. of syndicate companies over the country man won't leave milk without milk tick- to promote a movable street car sign which ets," the German told the secretary, "We he invented and patented. Complaint was new give the baby tea. I know it is not as made to the postoffice authorities by some good as milk, but I can't buy milk because of the men whom Kharas had interested Miss Jontz gave the German an order on associated with Kharas in the promotion

Will Tap Valuable Oil and Timber Lands-American Investors Interested.

of the Southern Pacific south into Mexico losses as well as the people. Interested new oil fields in northeastern Chihushus, action by making a speech on the postal thence through the timber region of north savings bank, thereby proving senatorial central Mexico, to a connection with the traditions, so far as speechmaking on the Guaymas and Guadalajara line now being part of young senators holds, is made built. Former Governor Terrazas, Gov- but to be broken. ernor Creel of Chihuahua, William Rancolph Hearst, C. R. Troxel and other prom- the debate on the postal savings bank lnent men are said to be interested in bill today, endeavoring all the way the territory to be tapped and are lending through to whip the bill into such shape financial support to the undertaking.

HALLACK DIES OF WOUND onist. Mystery of Shooting of Kanma City Carpet Man Has Not Been

Cleared.

ack, member of a local wholesale carnet firm, died at the hospital here today, the result of a bullet wound received at his come in this city October 24, Mystery surrounded the shooting, but it was stated elect today received a message from Sen- today. to have been accidental. Mr. Hallack, who ator Knox, appointee as secretary of state, was 66 years old, had been in ill heelth. Mr. Hallack served through the civil war the confederate army and in the slege of Vicksburg was severely wounded. After mingham and Atlanta. It is the announced the war he lived in St. Louis and in 1892 was in the banking business in New York

ERB CASE GOES TO THE JURY Arguments Are Ended and State Aski Death Penalty for Both

Defendants. MEDIA, Pa., Jan. 8.-The fute of Mrs. M. Florence Erb ond her sister, Mrs. Catharine Belsel, who have been on trial in the Delaware county court for more than week charged with the sensational murder of Captain J. Clayton Erb, the husband of one of the defendants went to the jury at 4:30 this afternoon. The prosecution asks for a verdict of first degree murder for both women and while the defense admits Mrs. Heisel shot and killed her Teller is assured. brother-in-law, it asks the jury to acquit the defendants on the search of self-de-

Secures Adverse Report on Bill Giving Commerce Commission More Power.

NO HOPE THEN FOR SHIPPERS

People of Genoa Petition Senator Burkett to Intercede and Save the Indian School There from Abandonment.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 .- (Special Telegram.)-Negligence, to say nothing of sharp practice, beat out a favorable report on the Por Iowa—Thursday rising temperature. increase on railroad freight rates when commission power to pass on the proposed that bill came before the interstate com

merce committee today. Senator Aldrich, realizing that the fight -12 was going against him so far as the propo 6 a. m.......... -12 sition went to empower the Interstate 7 a. m -12 Commerce commission with authority to 8 a. m -11 declare whether an advanced rate was equitable or not, adroitly switched the - 9 proposition from an affirmative vote on 11 a. m - 9 the bill to a negative vote by moving that 12 m..... - 8 an adverse report be made on the Fulton 1 p. m - 7 | measure. This lined up the friends of the bill in the negative, those voting no, being 3 p. m...... - 5 Dolliver, Newlands, Tillman, Foster and Taylor. The vote for Mr. Aldrich's motion being Elkins, Aldrich, Culiom, Kean and Senator Aldrich by sharp practice se- Crane, which created a tie. There was a cured an adverse report on the bill to hurry call for recruits and Senator Foraker was finally found, who authorized his vote to be cast for the Aldrich motion, which insured a negative report on the bill. The friends of the measure failed to poll Senator Clapp of Minnesota and McLaurin of Page 3 Mississippi, who, it is understood, would have voted against reporting the bill adversely. These gentlemen, however, were absent from the committee and an adverse Page 2 report will be made on the bill tomorrow. The action of the committee today can Legislative delegation plays city politics have but one application, that the senate severely on the poor and many a pathetic by turning down antis and giving Dahl- interstate commerce committee as at pres-Page 1 ent composed is against any enlarged pow-Joint session of legislature developes ers on behalf of the Interstate Commerce split in party over attempt to canvass commission and that whatever relief ship-

> Genea Wants to Keep School. Senator Burkett is in receipt of numer-Henry Agnew, a laborer, shot in the ous signed petitions from citizens of Genoa Page 5 dian school. Commissioner Leupp in his last schools were proving a failure. Senator course he will pursue toward the retention

Page 1 isting laws must come through an amend-

Perry After Promotion.

Charles B. Perry, son of D. B. Perry of Crete, Neb., who has been in the consular service for a year or more with location Mr. Perry is in Washington hoping for an as a part of the Sunset route. Competition At an early hour this morning the firs The message is in response to a resolution White it was apparent that Ransom assignment to a consular place in view of those with whom he was associated in the

Kinkaid Not at Dinner.

Representative Kinksid was not present at house rules reform dinner given by Mr. Gardner of Massachusetts last evening for the reason that he has not recovered sufficiently from the effects of a surgical operation performed more than a month

ago. Amendments to Postal Bank Bill. bill, which was under discussion and which the junior Iowa senstor believed absolutely necessary, if the bill is to pass. The amendment presented by the senator provides that the moneys dein which is deposited moneys of the over which it passed. EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 6.-According to postal savings bank. This is upon the

> Senator Burkett participated largely in that it would be acceptable to the country, the banks being its strongest antag-

Washington.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 6.-W. J. Hal- Cabinet Appointee Will Call on President-Elect for Conference on Appointments.

that the senator would arrive here tomor

purpose of Mr. Taft to get to the actual work of selecting his cabinet during the stay here of his two advisers. John Hays Hammond, who visited Atlanta yesterday, returned today with Mr.

Mr. Hitchcock returned today from Bir-

COLORADO LAW MAKERS MEET Election of Charles J. Hughes to Succeed Senator Teller is

Assured. DENVER, Colo., Jan. 6.-The seven teenth general assembly of Colorado met at noon today. Both branches are demo- that with Cline Wheeler and Herbert Grigg

A straight eight hour law and a repeal of the anti-boycott law will be especially urged by the labor interests



"AND NOW TO BUSINESS!" From the Cleveland Plain Dealer,

HAWLEY ON WITNESS STAND

Iowa Central Head Testifies in Harriman Merger Suit.

DENIES AGREEMENT AS TO RATES the Baldwin theater and office building

Former Southern Pacific Official Admits, However, Discussions on Division of Rates Were Held Before Purchase of Road.

Me, no!" said the Italian to the assistant propriation ordinance for the current school for the attendance Railway company and of the Minneapolis offices as well as the theater. A strong hearing of the action to dissolve the merger ern Pacific in 1883.

eastern agent of the Southe'n Pacific at first and that he had jurn to one over the Morgan line of steamers which was used Mr. Reld was uninjured.

Safety Among those atopping at the noted ity of the senate to give directions of this he said, that it was an admission that the was Opic Read, the novelist, of Chicago, character to the head of an executive destate board had the legal right to carvass which was used Mr. Reld was uninjured.

Mr. Reld was uninjured. the good examination which he has passed, the formation of the merger, he said, was among the rival railroad companies before had been placed under control. posed the consolidation of the commercial ern Pacific railroads.

Could Divert Southern Traffic. On cross-examination counsel for the railroads asked Mr. Hawley if it were not Senator Cummins today introduced an with the Southern Pacific the latter road sentenced to shorter terms of imprison- sent by me to the attorney general on Noamendment to the postal savings bank could divert its traffic at Portland to the ment. Denver & Rio Grande. In its southern traf-

Southern Pacific or the Texas Pacific. In reply to questions as to whether the under the law shall be redeposited at once Southern Pacific was not a dominant factor documents tending to show that Captain in some bank in the same community in in transcontinental traffic and practically which the original deposit was made and had controlled the rates, the witness said and the indictment followed. Vernon was if there is no bank in the town in which that the Southern Pacific was an importthe deposit is made then the deposit shall ant factor and that even freight shipped be made in the nearest place where there entirely by the way of the Texas Pacific is a bank. By this Senator Cummins or Union Pacific had to be turned over to not present the order until he tried at HARRIMAN LINE TO MEXICO hopes to take in state as well as national the Southern Pacific at the terminals. He banks. His other amendment, offered to- denied that specific agreements as to rates day, strikes out certain sections of the had been made prior to the merger, but bill which gives the government a pre- said there had been discussions as to the ferred lien on the assets of any bank division of rates between the various roads

Frank M. White, auditor of the division private information received here from theory that the government should take of rates and transportation of the Inter-New York, E. H. Harriman has decided to its chances with the people and should state Commerce commission, who was the build a railway line from the main line bear its insignificant proportion of the next witness, presented a statement of commodity rates between points east of the Beginning at a point east of El Paso, the as he is in this question, the former Iowa Mississippi river and California terminals. proposed new line will extend through the executive will get right into legislative This show that the rates charged on the various lines were about the same.

STONE'S ELECTION ASSURED Missouri Legislators Delinquent in

Taxes Are Given Their Seats.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 6 .- All the Knox Tipple of Stanton. Neb., is in day. These included those democrats whose weakness of the Harriman stocks was acseats were declared to be in danger because it was alleged that they had not KNOX WILL VISIT AUGUSTA complied with the law and paid their taxes. W. B. Cochran, a republican of Dade county, was named temporary speaker. The permanent speaker will be named tomorrow. He will probably be a democrat. The vote today showed only a majority of AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 5-The president- 2 for Cochran. Four democrats were absent

> The effect of the seating of all the men bers-elect practically assures the naming of United States Senator William J. Stone, the democratic primary nominee, to succeed himself in the United States senate

ZELLER CONVICTED OF MURDER Nineteen-Year-Old Boy to Pay Penalty for Killing His Grand-

fether.

BRIDGETON, N. J., Jan. &-Walter Zeler, the 19-year old Vineland youth charged convicted of murder in the first degree yesterday afternoon. Zeller confessed when he was arrested

cratic, and the election of Charles J. Le had participated in the killing of Read Hughes, jr., of Denver, to the United for the purpose of robbery. Mrs. Edwin trains left here last night over the Chesa- congress in pursuance of the constitution be made upon the accretary of state for States senate to succeed Senator Henry M. Cooper, mother of peake & Ohio railroad for Fort Snelling, and to the directions of the president of the votes on the amendment, that he could the murdered man, sat in court all night Minn., having aboard the Twenty-eightil United States, but no other direction whatawaiting the vardict. Wheeler and Grigg will be tried this of the Cuban army of pacification, brought month.

SPRINGFIELD HAS BIG FIRE SHARP LETTER TO SENATE Flames Starting from Gas Explosion Fanned by High Wind-

Less \$250,000. SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Jan. 8 .- Fire that

broke out at 12:15 o'clock this morning in completely destroyed that structure and a number of other buildings in the business district and badly damaged the \$400,000 Colonial hotel. The total loss is estimated at \$250,000. Fire Chief Kanada was the only person hurt. His injuries were not serious. The fire was caused by an explosion of

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.-Edwin Hawley of gas in the basement of the theater, which furnishings of rooms on one side of the

agencies of the Union Pacific and South- Chief Shown to Have Manufactured Evidence Against Many Suspected Persons.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 6 - Colonel absolutely necessary for the Union Pacific Zavarnitsky, chief of the secret police at to use the Southern Pacific line in trans. Vladivostok, has been sentenced to four continental trade. Mr. Hawley replied that years' penal servitude and the loss of his said that it was quite possible that if the manufactured evidence in political cases. Union Pacific attempted to force an issue Two of the colonel's subordinates were

Details of the trial received here today fic, he said, the Union Pacific has al- show that Zavarnitsky repeatedly placed ways been obliged to use the Atchison, bombs and fliegal literature in the apartments of suspected persons and by this means secured convictions. He prepared Russian naval attache at Washington and who later became commander of the port of Vladivostok, and General Pflug, who commanded the troops at Vladivostok in 1907, were connected with the revolutionlists and his false evidence had much to do with the removal of these officers. Many political prisoners will be released as a result of these revelations.

Twenty-two sentences of death for crimes ommitted in 1906 were announced today. Six of them were handed down at Riga.

FLURRY IN STOCK MARKET Wenkness in New York Central and Harriman Stocks is the Cause.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 .- Today's stock market developed increased weakness in the final hour, after much irregularity of novements in the early session. Under the lead of New York Central and Union Pacific the active list broke from 2 to 8

points: The weakness in New York Central was ascribed to disappointment over the failmembers-elect of the Missouri house of ure of Harriman interests to take a place representatives took the oath of office to- in the company's directorate, while the companied by rumors of the iliness of Mr. Harriman.

Another element of weakness was Con solldated Gas, which was again subjected to liquidation. The market continued weak and feverish in the last half hour.

KANSAS TREASURER IS SHORT Montgomery County Official Offers to

Make Up Discrepancy Found by Expert. INDEPENDENCE, Kan., Jan. 6-I. U.

Crawford, an expert who has been at work on the books of E. E. Stubblefield, county nessee Coal and Iron company. treasurer of Montgomery county, made his report to the county commissioners today, showing an alleged shortage of \$4.0%. The ecutive departments which appears to me shortage covers a period from October, 1907, to October, 1908. Mr. Stubblefield of- of the resolution. I feel bound, however, to fered to make up the shortage pending a add that I have instructed the attorney further examination of the books by him general not to respond to that portion of or his representative.

Zeller's grandfather. William Rend, was CUBAN SOLDIERS RETURNING so because I do not conceive it to be within today by a jury which had been out since First Detachment Leaves Newport News for Fort Snelling, Minn.

infantry, the first of the returning soldiers ever. here by the transport McClelian.

President Answers Request Made to board had simply done its duty. Attorney General for Information.

NO RIGHT TO ASK QUESTION

Lawmakers Are Told that Heads of Executive Departments Are Responsible to President Only for Their Official Acts.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.-President Roose-Council in adjourned session passes ap- report recommended the closing of the this city, president of the Iowa Central was a five-story structure, occupied by velt today informed the senate in plain had fallen off and that non-reservation & St. Louis Railroad company and a di-St. Louis Railroad company and a director in several other roads, including the Western Pacific, was the first witness called by the government today in the called by the government today in the line suffered the hurning of roat of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company afternoon and inquired why the demogration and cratic boss was not asking to canvass the had instructed Attorney General Bonaparte. ing, suffered the burning of most of the not to respond to the senate inquiry as to investment of the school fund, which had of the Harriman railroads. Mr. Hawley furnishings of rooms on one side of the the reason for his fallure to prosecute the been canvassed by the state board. This said he became connected with the Southsaid he became connected with the South- ceed \$100,000. From the hotel over 200 steel company. The president declares he As it had not been referred to by the guests fled to the streets. All escaped in does not conceive to "be within the author- senator from Omaha it was plainly evident, Mr. Hawley said that he was general safety. Among those stopping at the hotel ity of the senate to give directions of this he said, that it was an admission that the

the attorney general to state whether he that if the vote had been canvassed by the He has the endorsement of the chief of the general. He declared that he always opcompany because of its acquisition of the Sheldon would have time to reappoint his Tennessee concern. While the resolution old judges before going out of office towas not directed to President Roosevelt, morrow noon. his attention was called to it by Attorney | The amendment which was finally adopted General Bonaparte.

ter the president says:

"As to the transaction in question I was and congressmen at the election held vember 3, 1808, and that the canvass of the Union Pacific did use it. The witness military rights on the charge of having personally cognizant of and responsible for vote on constitutional amendment its every detail. For the information of to the judiciary be taken up and disposed the senate I transmit a copy of a letter of the legislature to be held Tuesday, Janvember 4, 1907, as follows:

They state that there is a certain business firm (the name of which I have not been told, but which is of real importance in New York business circles) which will undoubtedly fall this week if help is not given. Among its assets are a majority of the securities of the Tennessee Coal company. Application has been urgently made to the steel corporation to purchase this stock as the only means of avoiding a failure. Judge Gary and Mr. Frick informed me that as a mere business transaction they do not as present the speaker and it was only after as a mere business transaction they do not from the speaker and it was only after care to purchase the stock, that under ordi-

the object of preventing these accusations, and as a matter of fact their proportion of steel properties has slightly decreased, so had not been included by the scoretary a steel properties has slightly decreased, so that it is below this 60 per cent, and the acquisition of the property in question will not raise it above 60 per cent. But they feel it is immensely to their interest, as to the interest of every responsible business man, to try to prevent a point of the secretary a demand be made upon him for the records. Taylor of Custer at once moved an amendment that the joint session should canvass the vote on state officers and converse. nan, to try to prevent a panic and general ndustrial smashup at this time, and that industrial smashup at this transactive are willing to go into this transactive they would not otherwise go because it seems the opinion of those best fitted to express judgment in New York that it will be an important factor in preventing a break that might be ruinous and that has been urged upon them by the combination of the most responsible bankers of New York, who are now thus engaged in endeavoring to save the situation, but they asserted they did not wish to do this if I stated that it ought not to be done. I answered that while, of course, I could not advise them to lake the action tutional amendments, though the last two could not advise them to take the action proposed, I felt it no public duty of mine to interpose an objection. Sincerely yours.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

The objection in answer to Hon. Charles J. Bonaparte, Attorney

"After sending this letter I was advised laws governing the canvassing of votes orally by the attorney general that in his from 187 to the present time. In 1895 opinion no sufficient ground existed for the law was plain that the state board legal proceedings against the steel corpora- had the right to canvass the vote on contion and that the situation had in no way been changed by its acquisition of the Ten-

"I have thus given to the senate all the

information in the possession of the exto be material or relevant on the subject of his reasons for nonaction. I have done legislature would avoid the authority of the senate to give directions of this character to the head of an executive department or to demand from he was merely a farmer, with no knowlhim reasons for his action. Heads of the edge of law, but that he hoped by simply executive departments are subject to the NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 6.-Two constitution and to the laws passed by the be canvassed and why no demand should

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT. "The White House, January 6, 1909."

RANSOM IS BALKED

Unable to Force Through His Plan to Canvass Amendment Vote.

GOES OVER TO NEXT TUESDAY

Taylor of Custer, Democrat, Leads Opposition to Ransom.

DEMOCRATS IN ANOTHER FIGHT

Comes Up Over Rule to Take Committees Out of Speaker's Hands.

CAUCUS TO SETTLE THIS POINT

Some Lively Debate Over Both Propositions, Particularly One to Reconvans Vote on Amendment.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN. Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Before a joint session of the house and senate today Senator Ransom, the boss of the upper louse, had his spurs clipped by a farmer from Custer-W. J. Taylor. The incident marked the first big split in the democratic

majority. Ransom attempted to get adopted a motion to have the secretary of state forthwith present to the joint aession the votes cast for the judicial amendment, which had already been canvassed by the State Canvassing board. His idea was to legislate out of office those four judges whom Governor Sheldon recently appointed and fill their places with judges selected by Governor-elect Shallenberger. The governor-elect was a witness to the drubbing.

Taylor of Custer county, another democrat, objected and he insisted that the law was plain that it was the duty of the canvassing board to canvass the vote and the

After defeating a motion to adjourn Ransom finally had to agree to a recess until the afternoon, when the debate was renewed. During the noon hour, however, the big boss sounded sentiment and when the session opened he was on hand with an amendment providing for the canvass of the vote on state officers and a further provision that the vote on the constitutional amendment be discussed next Tuesday, Taylor agreed to let the matter fo over and the vote on the amendment was strictly a party affair, though Henry of Holt voted with the republicans.

Nettleton Makes a Point.

Nettleton of Clay got in the game in the

introduced by Senator Culberson calling on action today he and others evidently feared

was as follows: Commenting on the attorney general's let-ter the president says: of at a future session of the two houses of the legislature to be held Tuesday, Jan-uary 12, 1909, and that when we do ad-journ it se to that time.

My Dear Attorney General: Judge E. H.
Gary and Mr. H. C. Frick, on behalf of the steel corporation have just called upon me.
They state that there is a certain business firm (the name of which I have not been between the majority members of the firm (the name of which I have not been between the majority members of the Mr. Clark had announced this question was will still open and would be settled in a caucus

urchasing the stock, but little benefit will some to the steel corporation from the purchase, that they are aware that the purchase will be used as handle for attack on hem on the ground that they are endeavorage to secure a monopoly of the business not prevent competition—not that this could represent what could honestly he aid, but what might recklessly and uncuthfully be said. They inform me that as a matter of fact the policy of the company has been to decline to acquire more than 60 per cent of the steel properties, and that this has been the steel properties, and that this has been the steel properties.

> This started the fireworks, Ransom opening with an impassioned oration that into the State Canvassing board had usurped the authority delegated to the legislature and that to canvass the vote on the jututional amendments, though the last two

> > King of Polk, republican, in answer to the Ransom speech gave the history of stitutional amendments, though the law was repealed in 1897. He insisted that the vote on the last constitutional amendments had been canvassed by the state board and the legislature merely announced the result along with the vote

on state officers. E. W. Brown of Lancaster, republican, reinforced the King argument by adding that if the last legislature had canvassed the vote on constitutional amendments it the resolution which calls for a statement had made a mistake, which he hoped this

Taylor Touches Fireworks. Then came Taylor of Custer and his fireworks. He began easy, by announcing that giving his reason why the vote should not even convince the "leading lawyer from

Omaha." "I honestly believe the State Canvagaing Board did its whole duty," said Mr. Tarlac.